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In re Application of:

Franklin Okumu

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please enter the following amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please insert the following paragraph after the title and before the
"Field of the Invention":

This application is based on Provisional Application Serial No. 60/198,209, filed April 19, 2000, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

REMARKS

No new matter is added by this amendment. The specification has been amended to claim priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

Respectfully submitted,



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